the network of fair price shops and to investigate the complaints regarding black marketing and diversion rests with the states/UTs. In order to make the PDS accountable and transparent the states/UTs have been advised to involve Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) in the supervision and monitoring of the PDS, especially at the FPS level as measures of social audit.

Increase in custom duty on sugar by Pakistan

3360. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistan Government has decided to increase customs duty on sugar to stem inflow of indian sugar to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the increase that has been made by the Pakistan Government in the customs duty;

(c) to what extent it has affected sugar export from India to Pakistan;

(d) the quantity of sugar so far exported to Pakistan; and

(e) whether after this decision the export has been reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b), (c) and (e) Do not arise.

(d) As per published data of Director General, Commercial Intelligence 3 and Statistics, Kolkata, the following quantities of sugar were exported to Pakistan during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 (upto May, 2001):—

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value (in Rs. lakhs)
1.	2000-2001	1,96,266	25855.61
2.	2001-2002 (upto May, 2001)	4	0.36

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Foodgrains for cyclone relief in Orissa

†3361. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of the godowns where foodgrains meant for cyclone affected people of Orissa, was kept in large quantity for more than a year;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

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(b) the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the foodgrains in large quantity was kept in L.N. N. godown of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh for more than one year; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken against the guilty officers responsible for wastage of foodgrains in the godown?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) The foodgrains allotted by Government of India to Orissa for relief in the event of super cyclone of October, 1999 were issued by Food Corporation of India from the stocks of foodgrains available in its godowns in the state. No reports have been received by Government about foodgrains allotted to Orissa for cyclone relief being kept in large quantity in the godowns for more than a year.

(c) No such report has been received by the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Delegation to enquire into rejection of wheat by Iraq

3362. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation was sent to meet Iraqi officials in order to find out why the shipments of Indian wheat was first found substandard there and later fit in Dubai; and

(b) if so, what are their findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian wheat was not substandard and conformed to the CODEX Standards. As per the International CODEX standards, foreign matter in the grain is permissible upto 2%, out of which 1.5% may consist of organic matter, such as chaff, weed seed, other edible and inedible grains, etc. and the balance 0.5% inorganic foreign matter, such as stones, sand, dust etc. Quality specification prescribed in the Iraqi contract provided for the presence of foreign matter upto 2%. There was no further break-up of this 2% into organic and inorganic foreign matter. The Indian delegation that visited Iraq was, however, informed by Iraqi authorities that, according to their

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